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Forwarded to Director of Photography.

Govt Order No 796-1943 dt. 29-7-1943 forwards copy of War Dept circular No 2716-O.P.W.3 dt 30/6-43 on camouflage of photographs.

A copy of the circular may be seen in D.G.P. unit. Please return this file to Secretariat Chief Secretariat.

Secret unit. ex despatch.

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From The Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

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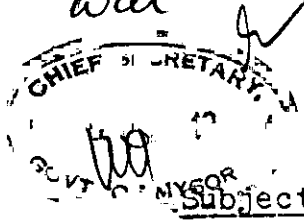

Dated, Bangalore, 22nd July 1943

Subject:- Control of Photography. 29/15

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Mysore a copy of a secret letter from the Government of India, War Department, to Provincial Governments etc., No.2718-O/W.1 dated the 30th June 1943, with enclosure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

SECRET. No.2718-C/V.1.

Government of India, War Department (Army Branch),
New Delhi, the 30th June 1943.

To

The Chief Secretaries, all Provincial Governments and all Chief Commissioners.

Control of photography.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of an India Army Order for the control of photography, and to say that the military authorities have represented that from the point of view of war-time security it is equally necessary to control, to the limit of practicability, civilian photography, particularly in actual or potential areas of operations and in the vicinity of prohibited and protected places and protected areas.

2. Legal provision for such control, in scope already wide and permitting of extension, exists in rule 45 of the Defence of India Rules and in Section 3 of the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923. The Government of India have under consideration the question of issuing an Order under clause (b)(ii) of the above-quoted rule to control the photographing of specified "objects" such as military weapons and equipment, in circumstances and to the extent that such control is necessary and is not already provided for. A copy of the proposed Order, when finally issued will be forwarded to the Provincial Government/Administration.

3. The actual enforcement of the law must however rest primarily with the Provincial Government/Administration acting through their police forces, and the Government of India would be grateful if necessary instructions are issued, where this has not been done already, in order to ensure that the control legally permissible at present is in fact exercised strictly. The Government of India recognise that it is hardly feasible to apply to the civil population such measures of control as are enforced in the Army, but they suggest that it should be possible to tighten control, particularly in selected localities; such as ports and

places

places where there are concentrations of troops, or where installations of national importance exist or are under construction.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. * * * Major,
Under Secretary to the Government of
India.

INDIA ARMY ORDERS

INSTRUCTIONS, ETC.

I. A. O. 1100|43. Control of photography.—

1. *General.*—An Officer-in-charge photography, who should normally be the unit security officer, will be appointed in every unit. His duty will be to ensure the observance of the following instructions and to advise the personnel of his unit regarding their interpretation.

2. Owners of cameras and cine-cameras will register them with the officer-in-charge photography in their respective units. Subsequent purchases, sales and exchanges of cameras will be reported to the officer-in-charge photography as they occur.

3. Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will NOT be despatched to enemy territory, enemy occupied territory, or neutral countries. Neutral countries include all Portuguese possessions in India.

4. Subject to the provisos of Para. 3, photographs bearing a "Passed Censor" stamp [see Para. 13 (b) (iii)] and photographs of a purely personal nature not including any of the subjects listed in para. 5, may be included in private correspondence. Particular attention will be paid to the background.

5. *Forbidden Subjects.*—Photography of the following subjects is forbidden :—

Military weapons and equipment.
Military vehicles of all sorts.
Tanks.
Aircraft.
Airfields.
Aerial views.
Ships of any kind.
Harbours, canals, bridges, dams, roads and railways.
Camps and barracks.
Defences and fortifications.
Arsenals, munition or supply depots ; factories, buildings, establishments, or yards performing work of national importance.
Telegraph, telephone, and wireless stations ; water, gas and electricity works ; gasometers ; petrol and oil installations.
Military operations, including duties in aid of the civil power.
Military training exercises.
Official diagrams, documents, and publications.
Maps and field sketches.

6. All ranks are forbidden to exchange photographs in camera clubs or similar institutions.

7. *Non-Operational Areas.*—Photographs and films taken by military personnel will only be handled by approved firms. These firms will be selected by the military security authorities in consultation with the police authorities concerned, under instructions issued by Headquarters, Armies|Commands. A list of approved firms will be published in Army|Command orders. Sub-standard cine films may be processed by any firm in India equipped for the purpose, provided the firm is on the approved list of photographers of the area in which it is located. Men who develop and print their own films (still or cine) may continue to do so under such restrictions as the Officer i|c. Photography may impose.

8. *Operational Areas.*—When a unit proceeds to a theatre of active operations as defined in Army|Command orders, the officer i|c. photography will ensure that all cameras are withdrawn, with the exception of two cameras for photography for official (i.e., Intelligence, Public Relations,

or unit record) purposes. These cameras will be used by their owners, or by others with the owner's permission, under the control of the Officer i/c Photography.

9. Owners of cameras which are withdrawn may store them with their heavy kit or with depots, banks, or with their families or friends in India; they will furnish a certificate stating the arrangements made to the officer i/c photography.

10. Units already in theatres of active operations will reduce their cameras to the permissible number per unit as early as possible, under orders issued by Headquarters, Armies/Commands.

11. Officers i/c Photography will submit statements giving the make and size of cameras retained under paras. 8 or 10, through the usual channels, to the Headquarters, Army/Command controlling the operational area into which the unit is moving or in which it is located. A copy of all such statements will be forwarded to the Deputy Chief Field Censor concerned.

12. All films taken in a theatre of active operations will be sent to D. C. F. C. of the Army/Command concerned or direct to the Chief Field Censor, General Headquarters [G. S. I. (c)], together with a covering letter stating the date and nature of the subjects photographed, and which of them are considered to be of intelligence or propaganda value. Technical details of such subjects as bridges, installations, etc., will when possible, be included. The exact location in which photographs are taken will be indicated by map references where possible.

13. (a) D. C. F. Cs. will be responsible for forwarding all films, plates, etc., to G. S. I. (c), General Headquarters.

(b) G. S. I. (c), G. H. Q. (C. F. C.) will be reponsible for—

(i) processing, and recording all films, etc., received.

(ii) circulation of prints from any negatives considered to be of value for intelligence or publicity purposes to the authority concerned;

(iii) supplying the unit with one print, free of charge, from each innocuous negative and the return of all such negatives. Any print which it is permissible to send out of the country will be impressed on the reverse with the "Passed Censor" stamp. Units will be at liberty to have further copies made from these negatives under their own arrangements. Other prints which are not considered suitable for export will be stamped "Security" on the reverse and a copy may be supplied to the unit at the discretion of the Chief Field Censor;

(iv) the retention and safe custody of all negatives, which have been classified "Security". These will be returned to the unit at the end of the war or at any earlier date as may be decided by General Headquarters;

(v) the supply of prints, free of charge, for official purposes from negatives classified as "Security".

14. The cost of developing and printing (but not the cost of films) will be met from funds at the disposal of General Headquarters [G. S. I. (c)]. The cost of subsequent printing, etc., required for publicity will be met by recipients.

15. General Headquarters and Headquarters of Armies/Commands retain the right to take copies of any photograph and use such copies for any purpose without payment.

16. In cases where units take photographs for the purpose of including them in 'War Diaries' one enlargement of ½ plate size may be supplied. The negatives will be retained in G. H. Q. if classified as "Security". Chief Field Censor should be informed when photographs are taken with this object.

17. This I. A. O. does not relax in any way the provisions of the civil law (e.g., Official Secrets Act and Defence of India Act) to which soldiers

are subject when off duty. Extracts from the relevant laws are printed below for general information.

18. Nothing in this I. A. O. applies to photography undertaken for official purposes under orders from a formation commander or by an official photographer, war artist or war correspondent working under the direction of the Director of Public Relations, nor does it apply if a particular photograph is urgently required for operational purposes, e.g., to illustrate an official report. In this latter case, the film may be processed locally by any secure agency and the negatives forwarded later to the D. C. F. C. as in para. 12 above.

19. I. A. O. 2968|42 is cancelled. 4123|G.S.I.(b).

Extract from the Indian Official Secrets Act (No. XIX) of 1923 and the Defence of India Rules.

Official Secrets Act.

Section 2 (8).—"Prohibited Place" means :—

(a) any work of defence, arsenal, naval, military or air force establishment or station, mine minefield, camp, ship or aircraft belonging to, or occupied by or on behalf of, His Majesty, any military telegraph or telephone so belonging or occuppied, or any wireless or signal station or office so belonging or occupied and any factory, dockyard or other place so belonging or occupied and used for the purpose of building, repairing, making or storing any munitions of war or any sketches, plans, models or documents relating thereto, or for the purpose of getting any metals, oil or minerals of use in time of war.

(Subsequent paragraphs extend the term to places under contract with His Majesty and to places declared as "prohibited places" by the Governor General in Council.)

Section 2 (5).—"Munitions of war" includes the whole or any part of any ships, submarine, aircraft, tank or similar engine, arms and ammunition, torpedo, or mine intended or adopted for use in war, or any other article, material, or device, whether actual or proposed, intended for such use.

Section 2 (9).—"Sketch" includes any photograph or other mode of representing any place or thing.

Section 2 (7).—"Photograph" includes an undeveloped film or plate.

Section 5 (1).—If any person having in his possession or control any information likely to assist the enemy.....or any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information which relates to or is used in a prohibited place or relates to anything in such a place.....

(a) wilfully communicates the code or pass word, sketch, plan model, article, note, document or information to any person other than a person to whom he is authorised to communicate it.....or a person to whom it is, in the interests of the State, his duty to communicate it ; or

(b) uses the information in his possession.....in any other manner prejudicial to the safety of the State ; or

(c) retains the sketch, plan, model, article, note, or document, in his possession or control when he has no right to retain it, or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it,.....; or

(d) fails to take reasonable care of, or so conducts himself, as to endanger the safety of the sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, secret official code or password, or information ;

he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

Defence of India Rules.

Rule 35(5) "Information likely to assist the enemy" means any information whether true or false, or any document or other record whatsoever containing or purporting to contain, or calculated directly or

indirectly to convey any information, whether true or false, with respect to any of the following matters, that is to say—(here follow a number of provisions, the more important of which, from the photographer's point of view are) :—

(a) the number, description, armament, equipment, disposition, movement, sympathies or condition of any of His Majesty's forces, vessels or aircraft ;

(c) any measures, works, appliances or arrangements for, or connected with, or intended for, the defence or fortification of any place by or on behalf of His Majesty's forces ;

(g) the invention, manufacture, quantity, supply, description, condition, disposition, movement, storage, repair, testing, trial or use of any munitions of war or other thing which can be used in connection with the prosecution of the war ;

(j) any prohibited place, protected place or protected area, or any person or thing in, or relating to, any such place or area or anything used in, or done or proposed to be done in, or in relation to, any such place or area ;

(o) any other matter whatsoever information as to which would or might be, directly or indirectly, useful to the enemy.—

Rule 38 (1).—No person shall, without lawful authority or excuse—

(b) obtain, collect, record, elicit, make, print or publish or distribute or communicate by any means whatsoever to any other person, any information likely to assist the enemy.

Rule 39 (1).—No person shall, without lawful authority or excuse, have in his possession—

(a) any information likely to assist the enemy.....

Rule 45 (1).—Subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by order of the appropriate Government, no person shall, except under the authority of a written permit granted by or on behalf of that Government—

(a) have with him a camera,.....in or in the vicinity of, any prohibited place, protected place or protected area or any other place or area notified in this behalf by the Central Government.....

(b) make any photograph.....of a prohibited place, protected place or protected area, or of any part of, or object in, any such place or area.

(A "prohibited place" is defined in the Indian Official Secrets Act (see above). Protected places and protected areas are places and areas so declared under the Defence of India Rules.).

I. A. O. 1101|43. Telegraphic addresses.—

1. Telegraphic addresses have been registered as shown below and should be taken into use forthwith.

Designation.	*Telegraphic addresses.*
I. O. C. Training Centre, Rawalpindi.	OBTRAIN
I. O. C. Training Centre, Allahabad	OBTRAIN
I. O. C. Records Section Rawalpindi	OBRECORD

2. The correct telegraphic address of Ordnance Depot, Kasu Begu is "ORDEP KASU BEGU". 17085|G.S. Signals 2.

I. A. O. 1102|43. Headquarters, Base Sub-Area, Bombay.—

1. A. Os. 152 and 646 of 1942 are cancelled.

2. The Commander, Base Sub-Area, Bombay has reverted to the title of "Embarkation Commandant, Bombay" and will carry out the following functions and duties :—

(a) Arrange for and supervise movement through the port of Bombay of all Defence Services personnel (other than R. N. and R. I. N.) animals, M. T. and stores for shipment overseas.

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Section W

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No. W.351-60. Encls.

To

D.I.G. D.G.P.

D.M.S. E&W

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir, —

Date of issue 23.8.43

I am directed to forward herewith copy of a secret letter from the Govt. of India War Dept No 2718-O/H & 3046-43 on the above subject and to request that such instructions may be issued for the exercise of strict control of photography as the circumstances may

Signed by Ms. SKV

List of enclosures .....

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